



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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December 24, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve Family Service

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2021

PRELUDES

Two Carols for Flutes

Arr. Melvin Lauf, Jr.

Silent Night; I Saw Three Ships

Melanie Huang and Claudia Huter, flute; Steve Huter, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CHRIST CANDLE

Melissa, Charles, James, Oliver, Finley and Mae Manice

Behold I bring you good news of great joy; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.**

His authority shall grow, and his peace will spread.

He will rule with justice and goodness forevermore.

As we light these candles, we proclaim...

God's hope...

God's peace...

God's joy...

God's love...

And now, tonight, the birth of God's Son.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!

Alleluia!

*HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he becomes;

Very God, begotten, not created!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory give;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

THE PROPHET

Isaiah 9:2-7

Susan Doud

CAROL 88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

THE ANGEL'S VISIT

Luke 1:26-33

CAROL 99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God (vs. 1&2)

***My soul gives glory to my God; my heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.
My God has done great things for me; yes, holy is God's name.
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.***

THE SAVIOR IS BORN

Luke 2:1-7

Carien & Ben Meintjes

CAROL 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1)

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.***

THE ANGELS

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL 113

Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1)

***Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:15-20

VOLUNTARY

I Wonder as I Wander

Arr. Sharon Wilson

Melanie Huang, flute; Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Debra Whitman, harp

MEDITATION

“Christmas in Salem” (Pt. I)

Rev. Bynum

A reading adapted from “Salem Star and Dawn,” by Ernest McNeill Eller

CAROL 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1)

***Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”***

MEDITATION

“Christmas in Salem” (Pt. II)

SHARING THE LIGHT

At this time, the light of Christ will be passed through the congregation. For ease, dip your unlit candle, wick-down, to the flame of the lit candle. Likewise, hold your lit candle upright for the neighbor who will draw light from yours.

*CAROL 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

*BENEDICTION

*CAROL 134

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

Il Est Né

Arr. Ernie & Becky Brock

Melanie Huang, flute; Debra Whitman, harp

The Christmas Flowers in the Sanctuary Were Given in Memory of:

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from their children and grandchildren

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